

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 remain in this application. Claims 1, 7, 13, and 22-24 are independent. Claims 1, 5, 7, 13, and 22-24 have been currently amended. These amendments find support throughout the specification, including paragraphs [0022]-[0029], [0035]-[0039], [0044]-[0053], Figs. 1-4.

Applicant thanks Examiners Fischer and Murdough for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative on October 6. During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the format of the pending claims and how the format of the claims could be improved to more clearly recite inventions disclosed in the specification.

During the telephonic interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiners also discussed how the amendments made in this Supplemental Amendment would overcome previous rejections based on Hausman (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0030632) 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Hausman does disclose optionally using the FIX protocol in connection with programs, methods, and systems for associating a proposal for a trade in at least one financial interest with at least one other financial interest or index described in Hausman. That is not the same as using the FIX protocol in a manner in which FIX protocol messages are interpreted according to a coded meaning defined to be *different* than the

FIX field delimited protocol meaning. That is not disclosed, taught, or suggested in Hausman.


As described, the Hausman system is not capable, *without modification*, of performing claimed functions of communicating, storing, interpreting, and encoding messages communicated in a field delimited communication protocol to have coded meanings different than meaning under the field delimited communication protocol.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-24 are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, that the application is in proper form for allowance of all claims, and earnestly solicits a notice to that effect.

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